

# CONSTITUTION OF THE INDEPENDENT PARTY

## Preamble

The Independent Party of Oregon (IPO) shall give a voice to all independent and engaged Oregonians by emphasizing grass-roots decentralized organization. IPO will encourage innovative ways of communicating, participating and decision-making. To achieve its mission, the IPO is organized to operate within the State of Oregon election laws as a political party.

## Article I. Name.

The legal name of this organization is the Independent Party of Oregon (hereinafter "IPO" or "the Party").

## Article II. Purpose.

The founding purpose of the IPO is give voice to the electors of this state, by offering candidates for public office, by supporting or opposing ballot measures, and by engaging in debate on public issues.

## Article III. Membership.

An individual subscribing to the IPO purpose may become a member of the Party, subject to the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws.

## Article IV. Organization.

- A. The IPO shall be governed by a State Council in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws.
- B. Chapters may be established in accordance with the Bylaws.
- C. The IPO officers shall be two state co-chairs, a treasurer, and a secretary.

## Article V. Nominating Authority.

The ultimate nominating authority for candidates for partisan elective offices is the membership participating in the nominating process in accordance with this

Constitution and the Bylaws. Such authority may be exercised by participation in the selection of delegates to a nominating caucus or attendance at a nominating convention, as set out in the Bylaws.

**Article VI. Conventions.**

The IPO shall hold a statewide convention at least once a year to conduct business as may properly come before it, at a time and place in conformance with this Constitution, the Bylaws, and such convention rules as may be approved at each convention or by the State Council.

**Article VII. Bylaws.**

Bylaws are hereby affixed to and subordinate to this Constitution.

**Article VIII. Amendments.**

This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds of all votes duly cast by voting members of the State Council or by two-thirds of all votes cast by voting members at an IPO convention, as described in and compliance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

I declare from my personal knowledge, and with the understanding that my declaration may if necessary, be used in any relevant legal proceeding, under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Oregon, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Constitution of the Independent Party adopted September 6, 2007

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Linda K. Williams

Co-Chair

Dated: September 6, 2007

Portland, Oregon